RMD Bulletin

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New Checkbox in the 15!

A new checkbox is being added to the Integrated System (IS) on the Add Service screen for Tele-mental health services. Effective September 28, 2012, providers will be able to indicate when a service has been rendered via tele-psych which uses an interactive telecommunications or video conferencing system. Checking this box adds the GT modifier to the procedure code that tells a payer such as Medicare or Medi-Cal that the service to the client has been rendered using such a system.



Medicare will reimburse for eligible rendering providers operating within their scope of practice using telecommunications equipment to substitute for a face-to-face, "hands on" encounter with a client for assessments (90801, 90802), individual psychotherapy (90804-90809), and pharmacological management (90862). Please note that Medicare does **not** consider the use of telecommunications to be reimbursable for the brief medication service, M0064. If the brief medication service was rendered as a tele-mental health service, providers should check the Tele-Psych box and submit the claim to Medicare. We expect that these services will be denied.

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If you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact RMD at (213) 480-3444 or RevenueManagement@dmh.lacounty.gov.